**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 15, TITLE 42 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO NOTICES OF ACCIDENTS IN THE WORKPLACE, THE FILING OF CLAIMS, AND MEDICAL ATTENTION AND EXAMINATION, BY ADDING SECTION 42-15-75, TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AN EMPLOYER MAY PAY UP TO TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR AN EMPLOYEE INJURED ON THE JOB WITHOUT HAVING TO REPORT THE INJURY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Title 42 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 42-15-75. (A) If an employee’s injury requires two thousand five hundred dollars or less in medical treatment and does not cause more than one lost workday or permanency, then the employee’s employer may pay for the medical treatment. An employer who pays for medical treatment pursuant to this section is not required to make a written report of the injury to the employer’s representative or to the commission.

(B) If the employer does not pay for the medical treatment, then the employer shall report the injury to the employer’s carrier or representative immediately after the occurrence and any knowledge of the injury.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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